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REPORT.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine:

The laws of our State prescribe that this department shall submit to your distinguished consideration a biennial report, to the end that you may be fully informed of the true condition, wants, and needs of the library, and may thus be enabled through wise legislation and suitable appropriations to provide for its maintenance and further development. In the performance of this legal duty, it is pleasing to note the fact that in no former period of its existence, has the permanent growth of the library been so great and valuable as during the past two years.

Since the last report it has received by purchase, donations, and exchange, four thousand five hundred fifty bound volumes, many of which are of rare literary, historical, and scientific merit,—as a careful inspection of the catalogue lists contained in this report will show.

EXPENDITURES.

The expenditures for books during the past two years have been greater than in former years, but care has been taken to keep within the amount of the appropriations and to expend money only for the most pressing needs of the library. A summary of the amounts paid out each year will be found near the close of this report.

From the constant and persistent demands made upon the library for the use of books not found on its shelves, it has become plainly evident that there must be a considerable outlay of money in the near future, in order to enlarge the scope

of the library sufficiently to meet the reasonable wants of the people, and for the purpose of completing its collections of leading works along the main lines of human knowledge. It also becomes equally evident that law, science, history, literature, art, religion, and sociology are entitled to full and equal representation in any permanent collection of books designed to represent the State library,—while it is manifestly unwise to give to fiction and works of a temporary character, the amount of attention that has hitherto been accorded to them in this department.

In the distribution of books and documents for the benefit and instruction of the people of the State, better methods are now in use than in former times, and this improvement is not confined to Maine alone but prevails quite generally throughout the country. It is now possible to obtain from the United States a public document or report within a few months of the date of its issue. The yearly catalogue of these documents now issued according to the laws of Congress, for the use of the people, is a great advance in the right direction, and will render these publications ten fold more valuable and useful than under the old method, by bringing to light the valuable facts hitherto so carefully and successfully concealed from the public in their pages.

It is to be hoped that the generous encouragement the legislature has given in the past to all publications relating to the history, natural resources, and beautiful scenery of Maine may continue to be offered to all persons engaged in similar work.

Since the last report of the library, several notable publications of great value have been issued by citizens of Maine. Among the most important of these may be mentioned that monument of labor and accurate research, "The Bibliography of Maine," by Hon. Joseph Williamson of Belfast,—The Debates of the Constitutional Convention of Maine, 1819-1820, with Historical Sketches by Capt. Charles E. Nash of Augusta, —The Probate Records of Lincoln county,—and Photographic Views of the Scenery of Maine.

Nearly every state in the Union has completed or now has in progress a geological and topographical survey of its domains, with a view to discover and make known to the capitalists of the country its undeveloped mineral wealth and the inviting fields for the investment of money and the development of new industries, and to afford accurate information to students, tourists, and those seeking pleasant and healthful homes.

The numerous inquiries received by this department relative to the geology, mineralogy, water power, climate, and forests of Maine, cannot fail to impress one with the importance attached to accurate information upon these subjects; but unfortunately such information in reference to our own State is not to be obtained in any convenient form, if indeed it exists in any form.

LAW REPORTS.

It has been the purpose of this department to procure, as rapidly as means would permit, the original reports of the decisions of the leading courts of every English speaking people on the globe. In entering upon this line of policy it became important to secure the reports of the courts of Great Britain in preference to those of the Colonial courts. For this reason a large portion of the special appropriation for the library has been expended in the purchase of the law reports of England. It is estimated that the sum of $2,000 will be required to purchase the remaining volumes of these reports.

The library now has about one-half of the law reports of the Canadian provinces, but these are comparatively useless without the remaining volumes. The Irish and Scotch reports will be needed in the near future to supplement and make complete the reports of England.

Negotiations have been going on during the past year to obtain exchange with Canada and Australia in this class of books. As a consequence of these efforts, the library is now receiving the reports of the supreme court of the Dominion of Canada in exchange for our own supreme court reports, but there are still several provincial courts whose reports can be

obtained in no other way than by purchase. The laws and decisions of the Australian provinces of Great Britain are coming to be regarded as of the first importance and value from the fact that the most noted and radical reforms in government and law during the last decade have originated in that country. Nearly every state library has already purchased these laws and reports or has placed orders for them.

STATUTES AND LAWS.

The scarcity of the early session laws of our own State has reached that point where it is well nigh impossible to secure complete sets of the Acts and Resolves, for the use of the library and State and county officers. It is recommended that the Acts and Resolves of 1820, 1822, and 1823 be reprinted by the State in such quantity as will relieve this pressing need, and enable the completion of many sets of these books now lacking only the laws for those years.

The Revised Statutes, digests, and acts and resolves of every state in the Union are found in an incomplete condition upon the shelves of our library. While much has been done to perfect and add to these collections, there still remain many gaps in this class of books which it will require much time, labor, and money to completely fill.

There is a wide difference of opinion in reference to the expenditure of money for the purchase of law text books for the library, but it is susceptible of proof that works of this class are in greater demand than any other books in the library. With a full line of text books once on the shelves, the yearly cost of securing the new publications in this line would be comparatively light.

There are frequent and earnest demands for special reports, relating to railroad and corporation law; whether or not these reports shall be purchased is a question to be considered by the legislature.

While the wants and needs of the library are numerous and would seem to call for a large appropriation of money for the next two years, it is the purpose of this department "to make

haste slowly," to present for immediate consideration only the most important and pressing wants, and to gradually bring the library to that condition of completeness and efficiency that will place it in the front rank with the best state libraries of the country.

DONATIONS.

Donations to the library have been less numerous than heretofore, but there has been a marked improvement in their character. The historical and documentary papers of several states have been placed upon the shelves, and also geological surveys and maps of great value. The increase of the library from this source will gradually diminish as the list of exchanges increase. The establishment of free public libraries will serve to divert many donations from the State library to these local collections.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Since January 1, 1895, twelve free public libraries have been established in Maine, and thus twenty-five thousand volumes of carefully selected books have been offered free to the reading public. While the greater number of these libraries have simply changed from corporate associations, charging a yearly fee for the use of their books, to free libraries, the effect upon the patronage of the public has exceeded the expectations of the most ardent advocate of these popular institutions of learning.

To inquiries concerning the effect of this change upon the circulation of the library, the invariable answer has been that the use of the books and the number of patrons are from three to five times greater than under the fee system.

There are in Maine fifty-two free libraries having a total of one hundred forty-five thousand volumes, while in the associate libraries, numbering fifty-four, are found a total of one hundred eighty thousand volumes, and it will not be unwarranted by the facts, to hazard the assertion, that three times as many persons are accommodated and served with good reading by the free libraries as receive instruction in the fee taking

libraries. Here is a distinct saving of money and time and a corresponding increase in the intellectual interest of each community where a free library exists.

Another great object and end attained by the establishment of a free library is, that through its influence the reading of the community can, in a great measure, be directed to a higher class of literature, and habits of study inculcated or revived in the minds of those who have long since left schools. Even the novel-reading habits of a community may be, in some degree eradicated or changed by the cultivation of taste for a higher class of literature, and a healthier class of fiction may be substituted for the five and ten cent novels of the circulating library and news stand.

The work of establishing the free library is in the hearts and hands of the people. The State through its legislature can give substantial aid and encouragement to this institution, which is destined to rank next to the common school in the educational systems of the civilized world.

L. D. CARVER,
State Librarian.

December 1, 1896.

Financial Statement, 1895.

1895.	Warrant No.	General.	Special.
Accounts paid out April 11	583-593	.....	$349 04
" " April 26	677	.....	136 83
" " May 9	728	$33 75	
" " June 18	983	.....	31 00
" " June 18	984	114 65	
" " July 16	1361	.....	299 47
" " August 14	1448	.....	17 50
" " August 14	1449	.....	799 00
" " August 14	1450	.....	54 50
" " August 14	1475	.....	19 00
" " September 11	1689	.....	225 60
" " September 18	1728	.....	72 50
" " October 16	1819	417 42	
" " November 20	1912	429 00	
" " November 20	1909	.....	106 65
" " November 20	1910	.....	1,102 75
" " December 17	2334	.....	74 75
" " December 17	2335	4 00	
" " December 30	2391	.....	680 73
Total	.....	$998 82	$3,969 32
Balance	.....	1 18	30 68
		$1,000 00	$4,000 00

Financial Statement, 1896.

1896.	Warrant No.	General.	Special.
Accounts paid out January 31	195	.....	$229 25
" " January 31	194 355	$470 71	
" " March 5	356	.....	1,198 74
" " April 9	477	.....	378 00
" " April 9	576	.....	410 59
" " June 1	798	.....	148 46
" " June 1	799	.....	705 50
" " July 6	1,062	311 81	
" " July 6	1,063	.....	371 83
" " July 27	1,247	.....	166 00
" " September 23	1,583	.....	255 90
" " September 23	1,582	144 00	
" " October 21	1,714	.....	56 75
" " November 19	1,732	60 00	
Total	.....	$986 52	$3,921 02
Balance	.....	13 48	78 98
		$1,000 00	$4,000 00

Out of the above appropriations there was expended for cataloguing and extra labor, for the year 1895, the sum of $298.00; and for 1896, $451.00. The balance of said appropriations was expended exclusively for books.

HISTORY OF ASSOCIATE LIBRARIES IN MAINE.

When Maine severed her connection with Massachusetts and was admitted to the Union as a sovereign State, there were, within her borders, two colleges and twenty-four academies. The number of students annually under instruction in these higher schools, was not far from nine hundred. These institutions were supported in part by endowment from the State, and in part by tuition and gifts from patrons and friends. They received money, and also donations of books, maps, charts, paintings, and apparatus, for the use and instruction of their students. Through these sources, each of these schools gradually accumulated a library of considerable value and importance.

The lyceum and debating clubs, which then formed an important educational element in these academies, made great use of the libraries attached thereto; and hence it became important that these collections of books should be under the control and care of some responsible body, and that the selection of books for future use should not be left to the fanciful taste of the students themselves. In the larger towns and villages, similar collections of books had been made by debating clubs, and scientific and educational societies. At that time the State militia was also an important organization, liable to call into its ranks every able bodied man in the State. Its officers included a large number of the most intelligent and active citizens of Maine, who often felt the need of books of instruction in the science and art of war. The lawyers were then so poor and so widely scattered in each county, that whenever court was in session they gathered at the shire town and remained in attend-

ance during the entire term. To them, a library of law books within reach of the bar and court seemed a necessity. For these reasons the establishment of library associations in Maine received early attention.

At its adjourned session, the first legislature that assembled under our constitution, provided, by law, for the formation and incorporation of three different kinds of library associations. Under chapter 141, Laws of 1821, seven or more citizens were authorized to form a library association in any town. Seven or more persons in the military service could in like manner form a military library association in the State at large; and in each county where there were five practising lawyers, a county law library or bar association could be formed and become incorporated. These associate corporations were authorized to receive and hold real and personal property, exclusive of books, to the value of five thousand dollars, to issue shares of stock to their members, and to assess the same for outlays and expenses of the associations. They could sue and be sued and adopt rules and by-laws not repugnant to the general laws and to the Constitution.

In 1830, scientific and literary associations were permitted to become corporate institutions. Corporate privileges were also extended in 1847 to Odd Fellows societies and Sons of Temperance; and from time to time other religious, benevolent, scientific, social, and educational societies have been admitted to the corporate existence and power.

The power of these corporations to hold property is a fair indication of their growth and prosperity. At first this sum was limited to five thousand dollars, but, in 1867, the amount was increased to twenty-five thousand dollars, and again in 1881 the amount was still further increased to one hundred thousand dollars.

There are no reports in the public documents of this State in reference to the number and value of the libraries organized under the law of 1821. It is susceptible of proof, however, that a large proportion of the free public libraries now in existence were evolved from associate libraries organized in the

first half of the present century. The law libraries, now in a flourishing condition in every county in the State, were organized in the early days of the Commonwealth, and several of the associate libraries still exist in a useful and flourishing condition under the force and sanction of that early law.

TOWN LIBRARIES.

"In 1854, a law was enacted authorizing any town to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one dollar per ratable poll for the founding of a public library therein, and a yearly sum not exceeding twenty-five cents per poll, for the subsequent maintenance of the same. This law remained unchanged for more than thirty years and, with a single exception, there is no evidence that any municipality acted under its provisions. The ancient town of Castine established a public library in 1855, and at that time received the books and property belonging to a social library founded by Rev. Wm. Mason and others in 1801 and subsequently incorporated under the laws of 1821.

"In 1864, the legislature authorized towns to receive gifts and bequests dedicated to the establishment and maintenance of public libraries within their respective limits; and under the provisions of this law, many valuable libraries were established within the State, through the intelligent generosity of her citizens.

"In 1887, towns were empowered to receive and hold lands, buildings, maps, charts, and works of art, by donation or bequest, for the establishment and use of public libraries. At the same time a law was enacted giving to each county law library ten per cent of the fines derived from the enforcement of the 'Maine Law.' Subsequently this provision was enlarged to twenty per cent of such fines, but limiting the amount so received by any county law library to $500 per year.

"It was not until 1893 that any practical encouragement was given for the establishment of free public libraries. The legislature of that year enacted a law designed to encourage the founding and maintenance of free libraries in each city and town within the limits of Maine. By provisions of this last

law, every free public library is entitled to receive from the State a yearly sum equal to ten per cent of the amount appropriated by the municipality where it is established. By another section, any municipality is authorized to appropriate a sum yearly not exceeding $1,000, to secure from any corporation or association owning or controlling a library within its limits, the free use of such library for the inhabitants thereof; and such towns may receive from the State ten per cent of the amount so raised.

"Another section of this law provides for a donation of books not to exceed $100 in value to every library established in a town of not more than 1,500 inhabitants. All the department reports, laws, and decisions of the courts, published by the State, and distributed to the towns, are placed by law in these free libraries for the free use and reference of the people. Such is, substantially, the library law in Maine to-day."

DEVELOPMENT OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Twenty years ago an earnest and enthusiastic band of librarians met in Philadelphia. These men were called together at the earnest solicitation of Hon. Melville Dewey, then assistant librarian at Amherst College Library, and now the librarian of the State Library of New York. Their meetings were held in the rooms of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the American Library Association was there organized. The object of this association was to promote the welfare of libraries by stimulating public interest in founding and improving them, by securing needed state aid and national legislation, and to advance the common interests of all persons and associations engaged in library or allied work. The movement then inaugurated by this association has produced wonderful and far reaching results.

From that centennial year until the present time, the public library movement has continued to advance with ever increasing strides. At the present time, nearly every state in the Union gives some aid or encouragement to the founding and maintenance of free public libraries in the towns and cities

within its limits. In 1890, the legislature of Massachusetts created a commission of five persons appointed by the governor, to encourage the establishment and maintenance of public libraries within that commonwealth. Suitable appropriations were made for the purpose of assisting the towns in this work, by gifts of books not exceeding in value in any one instance the sum of $100. So well has this commission performed its duty and so earnest and ready were the people of that state to co-operate with the commission in this great work, that out of the 353 towns in the commonwealth there now remain less than twenty municipalities that are destitute of a public library.

In 1895, the legislature of New Hampshire enacted a law requiring of each town in that state to raise and appropriate annually a sum computed at the rate of thirty dollars for every dollar of the public taxes apportioned to that town, for the sole purpose of establishing and maintaining a free public library in such town. It is quite needless to say that New Hampshire stands in the forefront of the library movement. The beautiful library buildings that adorn her cities and villages cannot be duplicated in any state in the Union of equal wealth and population. Her state library building erected and finished at a cost of $225,000 is a monument to the intelligent liberality and progressive spirit of her people.

The free library movement in our own State is in a less advanced stage of development than in either of the above named states. During the past two years, twelve free public libraries have been established, while in many other towns, preliminary steps have been taken, by the formation of library associations composed of cultured men and women.

While the cities and larger towns of the State have done much in this movement towards universal education, the country towns have not as yet responded with much enthusiasm to the progressive demand of the times. The great need of free libraries in the small country towns has not yet been fully realized and appreciated. The constant demand for a fuller knowl-

edge of the facts involved in the discussion of the great questions that are suddenly sprung upon the people, questions requiring prompt decision, renders a well selected library of history, science, and reference books almost indispensable to every community. It has been well said, that were it not for the library the education of the masses would in most cases, cease, when the doors of the school swing in after them for the last time; the library keeps those doors open, and is in the truest sense of the word, the university of the people. The library should be as much a part of the educational system of every community as the public school. It is coming more and more to be so regarded in the enlightened and progressive portions of the country, and is accorded the same respect and warm support. The literary clubs, granges, and church associations in our country towns can do much to advance the interests of their own organizations and the intelligence and happiness of the community in which they are located, by aiding the free library movement.

SELECTION OF BOOKS FOR FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

PROF. GEORGE T. LITTLE.

The aim of a free public library is to make people wiser, happier, and better. The circulation of books is the means by which this end is to be accomplished. It is, therefore, obvious that a careful selection of these books is essential to the success of the library. The difficulty of the task is equal to its importance. No one person is likely to have both that breadth of sympathy and that knowledge of books sufficient to cater to the needs of every class in the community. It becomes necessary in practice either to put the charge of this important work in the hands of a truly representative committee, or to give heed to the calls made upon the librarian for certain books and to complaints at the absence of information on certain subjects. In any case it will be impossible to satisfy every individual, but it is important that no considerable portion of the community should ever fail to find in their library wholesome, entertaining, and instructive books, adapted to their own tastes and attainments.

The nearness of other libraries, the amount of money available, the use of the library by school children, the manufacturing interests, and leading occupations of the community, the traditions and social customs of the town, are all factors that must affect the selection of books for any particular library to such a degree that definite advice as to the proportion of books to be purchased in the various departments of knowledge can not be given. This paper will merely mention three difficulties which every one who conscientiously endeavors to select books wisely will encounter, and to hint at ways to overcome them.

To select the books that will make the library efficient from the educational standpoint is more difficult than at first appears. On the one side is the temptation to buy standard works that, by their exhaustive treatment or by the fame of their authors, have become well known, but which the common people will not read or cannot understand; on the other, to select those popular books of science and illustrated histories that seem able to win readers for themselves. It is surely a mistake to have nothing on a subject like evolution except Darwin's Origin of Species or Haeckel's Evolution of Man, and yet equally wrong to let a science like botany be represented merely by Mrs. Dana's, How to Know the Wild Flowers. To avoid this, have a certain ideal of what your library should be, and constantly aim at that. Strive by new purchases not merely to take what is brought to your attention, but what is needed to make good existing deficiencies. For this purpose, do not fail to consult the catalogue of the carefully selected A. L. A. library of 5,000 volumes, which can be procured without expense from the United States Bureau of Education, and to study the annotated "List of books for girls and women" published by the library bureau. The ideal for your library may call for many more or for many less books on certain subjects than these and similar helps suggest. The point is to be sure that an ideal exists and that it influences purchases. Otherwise the buying will be haphazard, and the purchases of ten consecutive years, instead of furnishing a fairly symmetrical reference library, will represent only the personal tastes of two or three influential members of the selecting committee.

There still remains the troublesome question of which among several new books on some subject of general interest is the one for your library to buy. Poverty compels you to choose. Their number and their high character (according to their advertisements) make the choice difficult. Aid here must be sought from reviews in periodicals like *The Nation, The Dial, The Bookman.* Let the librarian endeavor to have from personal examination, or from the reading of several criticisms, some knowledge of the character and scope of each book added

to his collection. The annual lists issued by Bowdoin College Library of one hundred notable books of the year with references to reviews of them in the leading literary papers, may be of help in this direction.

To make the community better, the library can offer standard religious books which may be read effectively, but will not be read widely; and it can furnish novels that depict with power modes of life and principles of action which are distinctly above those of the people who will read them with avidity and clamor for more. In a word, the story that seizes the imagination will often do more to elevate the character than an eloquent sermon. Unfortunately, there are equally powerful novels that have an opposite effect. Every one agrees that a public library must not lower the moral tone of a community. Every one agrees that the circulation of some books will lower the moral tone. But no one agrees as to just what books will do this. The difficulty is increased by the obvious fact that what is food for one person may be poison to another. A book, moreover, whose aim is to elevate and improve, may have such marked blemishes in places against good taste, not to say decency, as to make it problematical whether these will not more than neutralize the good to come from the book itself. But the most dangerous and at the same time the most difficult to guard against, are novels written by authors of high literary standing and issued by houses of good repute, which nevertheless have either scattered through them or woven into their texture what must in plain English be called filth. There are certain descriptions of vice and sin which are given in such detail with such realism that one cannot read and comprehend them without being more or less polluted. The "select lists of fiction" issued monthly the past year by the Massachusetts Library Club, and, it is to be hoped, to be continued in the future, can be relied on as rejecting everything that would offend or injure public taste or morals.

The greatest difficulty, however, is to decide wisely and fairly how far any particular free public library is to go in furnishing entertaining, as distinct from instructive or educational, read-

ing. In a word how much can it spend on popular novels and juveniles? Few who are not directly connected with free libraries realize the amount of money that can be spent in meeting the demand for such books. Every village has at least a score of boys who will, if provision is made for them, devour the stories of Oliver Optic and Horatio Alger at the rate of two a week. When the "Trilby" rage was upon us, even the smallest library could have used half a dozen copies, if it sincerely attempted to meet the demands of its readers. Since Miss Evans published "St. Elmo," there have appeared some of the best novels of Dickens, Thackeray, and George Eliot, and yet I venture to say that it would cost any public library three times as much to meet the demand for books of the former as of the latter type. In a word, popular and sensational novels are of the nature of sweetmeats. If a free library furnishes candy, the demand will be large. If it does not furnish any, it will fail to catch the class of readers it can most benefit. In such a dilemma rules are out of the question. Advice is quite likely to lead astray. Only rare commonsense and the closest watch of individual readers can attain that golden mean in the choice of books whereby the young and the thoughtless are not only led to form the reading habit, but to have this develop into a love and appreciation of the best in our literature.

EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, AND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENTS OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Council Documents, 1828-1832. Containing the annual reports of public officers and institutions, 1827-31. Collected and bound into volumes without title page, by Secretary of State.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

Public Documents; 1833-1895, containing the reports of the various departments: Maine Register; Legislative Manual; Maine State Year Book; Governors' Messages,—annual and biennial; Register of Executive Department; Register of House and Senate, and many special reports, (and also the legislative documents to 1867.)

By resolve of 1833, chapter 1, the legislature ordered and directed that twenty copies of every document printed by order of either House or Senate be preserved and bound for the use of the legislature.

LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENTS.

Legislative Documents, 1868-1895, containing all bills, acts, resolves, orders, and reports of committees, and other matters emanating from either branch of the legislature and printed by order of that body. Since 1887, Senate Legislative Documents have appeared in volume 1, House Legislative Documents have appeared in volume 2, for each session.

REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS AND THE DATE WHEN EACH WAS ESTABLISHED.

The following reports of departments and institutions are found in the Public Documents from 1833 to 1895, when not otherwise indicated, and were also issued in the form of individual reports, from date of the first report of each department up to the present time.

ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Constitutional office; (*see* Constitution, Article 7) required to report to President of United States and State Legislature. Annual reports, 1820-1895. *

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Constitutional office; (*see* Constitution, Article 9, section 11.) Annual reports, 1840-1895. † Reports issued biennially since 1891.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Constitutional office; (*see* Constitution, Article 5, part 3.) Ex-officio State Librarian, 1820-1860. No report.

TREASURER.

Constitutional office; (*see* Constitution, Article 5, part 4.) To report annually to the legislature (Public Laws, 1822, chapter 188.) Annual reports, 1820-1895. 1827-1831, in Council Documents. In 1859 a report by investigating committee, but no treasurer's report.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION.

AGENT PASSAMAQUODDY INDIANS.

Office created by Public Laws, 1821, chapter 175. Annual reports, 1860-1895. ‡ Reports published biennially since 1891.

* 1837 and 1862-66 not in Public Documents. Report 1892 not published.
† 1841-1858 and 1886, 1888, 1889 not printed.
‡ 1863, 1868, 1871, not in Public Documents. Probably not printed.

AGENT PENOBSCOT INDIANS.

Office created by Public Laws, 1821, chapter 175. Annual reports, 1860-1895. * Published biennially since 1891.

BANK COMMISSIONER (STATE BANKS.)

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LIBRARY LAWS OF MAINE.

CHAPTER 193—RESOLVES OF 1880.

Resolve concerning the Transportation of Certain Books from the State Library.

State Librarian to send books to town clerks.

Resolved, That the State librarian be and is hereby instructed to forward annually, by express or mail, to the clerks of the various towns and plantations in this State, all books that said towns and plantations are entitled to under the law; and that said librarian be further instructed to notify, by mail, such towns and plantations what books are forwarded, and to what office said books are sent; and a receipt from the express office forwarding the same shall be a sufficient voucher for said librarian; provided that nothing in this resolve shall authorize the State librarian to forward, or procure the printing of, any book or document of a past year which may not be conveniently spared from the library or which may be out of print.

Approved March 16, 1880.

CHAPTER 242—PUBLIC LAWS, 1893.

An Act to amend chapter fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, relating to Free Public Libraries.

Section 1. Section nine of chapter fifty-five of the Revised Statutes is amended by striking out all of said section and inserting the following:

'Sect. 9. Any town may establish a free public library therein, for the use of its inhabitants, and provide suitable rooms therefor, under such regulation for its government as the inhabitants from time to time prescribe; and may appropriate, for the foundation and commencement of such library, a sum not exceeding two dollars, and for its maintenance and increase annually, a sum not exceeding one dollar, for each of its ratable polls in the year next preceding.'

SECTION 2, CHAPTER 242—PUBLIC LAWS, 1893, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTERS 45 AND 110, PUBLIC LAWS, 1895.

'Sect. 2. The municipal officers in any town or city where a free public library is established, shall annually, on the first day of May, certify to the governor and council the amount of money appropriated and expended by said town or city during the preceding year, for the purchase of books and documents for the use and benefit of such free public library, and for the payment of the running expenses thereof; and the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall draw a warrant on the State treasurer for the purchase of books for the use of such library, for a sum equal to ten per cent. of the amount expended by said town, as certified by its municipal officers.'

SECTION 3, CHAPTER 242—PUBLIC LAWS, 1893, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 111, PUBLIC LAWS, 1895.

'Sect. 3. Any town or city in which there is a library owned or controlled by a corporation or association, may appropriate a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, and in cities or towns having more than ten thousand inhabitants, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars yearly, to procure from such library the free use of its books for all the inhabitants of the town or city, under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good usage of the books, and such library may then be considered a free public library, and said town or city shall be entitled to the benefits of the preceding section, provided, that any books and documents purchased with said State stipend, and all books and documents donated by the State, shall be and remain the property of said municipality.'

SECTION 4, CHAPTER 242, PUBLIC LAWS, 1893—AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 53, PUBLIC LAWS, 1895.

'Sect. 4. In every town and city where a free public library exists, the State librarian shall transmit to such library all laws, Maine reports, and other documents which the town or city is by law entitled to receive from the State, and the same shall be constantly kept in such library for the use and benefit of all the citizens; and the municipal officers of said town or city shall transfer to said library all the laws, Maine reports and other documents, heretofore received from the State, and now in custody of any of the officers of said town or city; and the officers of said library, on or before the first day of April of each year, shall send to the State librarian a report containing a list of all books and documents purchased with the State stipend for the preceding year, and of all books and documents received from the State in said library. The aid from the State, hereby provided, shall be withheld from any town or city until the report herein

required to be made on or before the first day of April of each year, shall have been received by the State librarian. And the same shall also be withheld unless said report shall show that the laws, Maine reports and other documents furnished to said town or city by the State are kept in said library as required by this act.'

SECTION 5, CHAPTER 242, PUBLIC LAWS OF 1893.

Sect. 5. The State librarian is hereby authorized and directed to donate from the Maine State library to any town of less than fifteen hundred inhabitants, and having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, books purchased for that purpose not exceeding fifty per cent in value the books and documents purchased by said town for the purpose of founding a free public library therein; said donation in no case to exceed one hundred dollars.

Sect. 6. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this provision, until its legal voters, at a regularly called town meeting, have raised and appropriated not less than one hundred dollars for the purchase of books, and have provided for the care, custody and distribution of its own books, and those to be donated by the State.

Sect. 7. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask the governor and council for advice in regard to the selection of books, and may receive instruction at the State library in cataloguing, and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library.

(Approved March 21, A. D. 1893.)

CHAPTER 271—PUBLIC LAWS, 1893.

An Act to amend chapter six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, relating to County Law Libraries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Chapter 6, Public Laws, 1887, further amended.

Sect. 1. Chapter six of the Public Laws of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven as amended by chapter two hundred and twenty-one of the Public Laws of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, is hereby amended so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Twenty per cent of all fines, to be set apart for benefit of county law libararies.

'Sect. 1. The treasurer of each county shall pay to the treasurer of the Law Library Association of his county for the use and benefit of the county law library, twenty per cent of all funds actually paid into the county treasury for the violation of any of the provisions of chapter twenty-seven and of section one of chapter seventeen of the Revised Statutes, providing, however, that the sum so paid by the county treasurer shall not exceed five hundred dollars per annum.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 28, 1893.

CHAPTER 283—PUBLIC LAWS, 1889.

An Act providing for the Preservation of Local Histories, Financial and other reports of towns, cities, counties and corporations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Sect. 1. It shall be the duty of the librarian of the State library to collect from time to time and preserve copies of the history of the towns and counties of the State, when published, and all other publications relating to the material, social and religious progress of the State.

Sect. 2. Town clerks of the several towns, city clerks of the several cities, and treasurers of the several counties, shall promptly transmit to the librarian of the State library, copies of all reports of said towns, cities and counties, including all exhibits of town, city and county expenditures, provided, that the provisions of this section shall apply to printed reports only.

Sect. 3. The directors of all corporations doing business in the State shall transmit to the librarian of the State library, copies of all printed reports, relating to the affairs of said corporations.

Approved March 9, 1889.

CHAPTER 151—PUBLIC LAWS OF 1895.

An Act to secure the perservation of the Maine Reports, the Acts and Resolves, and other publications printed or purchased by the State for distribution to towns and various public officers.

Sect. 1. That all Maine reports, statutes, digests, acts and resolves, and other publications, printed or purchased by the State, and hereafter distributed according to law or custom, to the several towns and plantations within the State, shall be and

remain the property of the State, and shall be held in trust by such towns or plantations for the sole use of the inhabitants thereof, and for no other purpose.

Sect. 2. All such books and publications as may hereafter be furnished by the State, to any state, county or town officer, shall be and remain the property of the state, and shall be held in trust by said officer, for the sole use of his said office; and at the expiration of his term of office or on his removal therefrom by death, resignation or other cause, such officer, or if he be dead, his legal representatives, shall turn over to his successor in office all of said books and publications so furnished by the State and shall take receipt therefor.

Sect. 3. All Maine reports, Revised Statutes, Public Laws and digests distributed by the State librarian to the several towns and public officers in said State, shall be plainly marked upon the cover and upon the title page with the following words: 'The property of the State of Maine, not to be sold,' and shall have a registered number conforming to the list to be made by the State librarian. Any town not retaining said volumes, shall not make any requisition upon the State librarian for their replacement, and shall forfeit all claims to be supplied with any further State publications.

Sect. 4. All acts or parts of acts, all resolves or parts of resolves, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 26.

Amends Revised Statutes, chapter 3, section 151-541. See also Revised Statutes, chapter 55, section 10.

CHAPTER 11—PUBLIC LAWS, 1887.

An Act authorizing cities and towns to accept legacies, devises and bequests and to raise money.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Sect. 1. Whenever the municipal officers of any city or town are notified in writing by the executors of any will, or by the trustees created by virtue of the terms thereof, that a devise or bequest has been made upon conditions, by the testator of said will, in behalf of said city or town, the municipal officers of said city or town, shall, within sixty days after said notice to them, call a legal meeting of the inhabitants of said city or town qualified to vote upon said city or town affairs. Said municipal officers shall give public notice in their warrants, of the object of said meeting, and such other notice as said municipal officers shall deem proper. At such meeting, the said inhabitants shall vote upon the acceptance of said conditional gift, devise or bequest, and if a majority of the legal voters present, then and there vote to accept said devise or bequest, in accordance with the terms contained in said will, and upon the conditions made by the testator, said municipal officers of said city or town, shall forthwith notify said executors or trustees in writing, of said acceptance by said city or town aforesaid, or the non-acceptance thereof.

Sect. 2. Whenever the executor or trustees, under any will, have fully discharged their duties respecting the payment, delivery or otherwise of any devise or bequest to said city or town; and said city or town have accepted said devise and bequest in accordance with the conditions of said will, as set forth in section one of this chapter, then said city or town shall perpetually comply, and strictly maintain and keep all the conditions and terms contained in said will, by virtue of which said devise or bequest was so made, and any city or town so accepting said gift, devise or bequest and receiving the same, or enjoying the benefits therefrom, is hereby authorized to raise

money to carry into effect the requirements and terms of said will, by virtue of which said gift, devise or bequest was so accepted and received. The provisions of this chapter shall apply only to gifts, devises and bequests, given, devised and bequeathed to cities and towns for educational, benevolent and charitable purposes and objects, or for the care, protection, repair and improvement of cemeteries owned by said cities or towns.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 4, 1887.

See Revised Statutes, chapter 55, section 10.

CHAPTER 93—PUBLIC LAWS, 1887.

An Act to authorize Cities and Towns to accept Lands and Buildings as a Public Library or Art Gallery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Any city or town in the State may accept by vote of the people thereof, any land or land and buildings thereon, to be used as a public library or art gallery, or both combined; also any books, charts or maps and any funds, the income of which to be used to purchase books, maps or charts, and keep the same in order.

Approved March 11, 1887.

CHAPTER 55—REVISED STATUTES.

Laws for the Organization of Library Corporations.

Sect. 1. When seven or more persons desire to be incorporated as proprietors of a social, military, literary, scientific, or county law library; as a masonic lodge or chapter of any order or degree; as a lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; as a division of the Sons of Temperance; as a tent of Rechabites; as a grange of Patrons of Husbandry; as a council of the Sovereigns of Industry; as a relief or benefit association for mutual assistance; as a monument or memorial association; as a society to promote temperance; as a village improvement society; or for any literary, scientific, musical, charitable, educational, social, military, agricultural, moral, religious or benevolent purpose; they may apply in writing to any justice of the peace in the county, who may issue his warrant directed to one of the said applicants, requiring him to call a meeting thereof at such time and place as the justice appoints.

As amended by laws of 1891, chapter 24, 1895, chapter 88.

Sect. 2. Such applicant may call it, by reading the warrant in the presence and hearing of each, or by leaving an attested copy thereof at his last and usual place of abode, at least fourteen days before the day of meeting, or by publishing an attested copy thereof in some newspaper printed in said county, for two weeks successively, the first publication to be at least fourteen days before the day of meeting.

As amended by laws of 1885, chapter 359, section 12.

Sect. 3. When assembled pursuant to the warrant, they may organize themselves into a corporation, adopt a corporate name, and they, their associates, and successors may have continued succession; have a common seal; elect all necessary officers; adopt by-laws, not inconsistent with law, and enforce the same by suitable penalties; have the same rights and be under the same liabilities, as other corporations, in prosecuting and defending suits at law; and enjoy all other rights, privileges, and immunities, of a legal corporation.

Sect. 4. Such corporation may take and hold by purchase, gift, devise, or bequest, personal or real estate, in all not exceeding in value one hundred thousand dollars, owned at any one time, and may use and dispose thereof only for the purposes for which the corporation was organized.

Sect. 5. No corporation, organized for charitable or benevolent purposes, shall sue any of its members for dues or contributions of any kind, or be sued by any member for any benefit or sum due him, but all such rights and benefits, dues and liabilities, shall be regulated and enforced only in accordance with its by-laws.

FORMS FOR ORGANIZING A CORPORATION UNDER CHAPTER 55, REVISED STATUTES.

Petition.

STATE OF MAINE.

.....ss. .....A. D. 189

To.....Esq., of the.....of.....Maine, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of..... and State of Maine.

The undersigned represent that they desire to be incorporated under the provisions of Chapter fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of 1883 and amendments thereto, as a .....library association in the town of.....in said county.

Wherefore we pray that you may issue your warrant directed to ....., one of your petitioners whose name is hereto signed, requiring him to call a meeting of the undersigned according to law, for the purpose of organizing such corporation, at such time and place as you, said justice, in your said warrant may appoint.

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Seven or more persons must join in this petition.

Warrant.

STATE OF MAINE.

.....ss. .....A. D. 189

To.....of.....in said county.

Greeting: Whereas....., ...,
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on the.....day of.....A. D. 189 by their petition to me directed, requested me to call a meeting of said petitioners for the purpose of organizing a library association under chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of 1883 and amendments thereto, in the town of.....in said county, and whereas I have appointed the.....say of .....A. D. 189 , and the .....in said .....as the time and place for holding said meeting. Now, therefore, in the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to call said meeting at the time and place appointed by me in this warrant, at least fourteen days before the day appointed therefor, by reading this warrant aloud in the presence and hearing of each of said petitioners, or by any other method of notice to them, of said meeting, provided by law.

Fail not and make due return of your doings hereon to said petitioners at said meeting.

Justice of the Peace.

Return.

STATE OF MAINE.

.....ss. .....A. D. 189

I hereby certify that I served the within warrant upon each and every person therein named, by reading aloud to each of said persons in his presence and hearing, the said warrant, on the.....day of .....189 ; being at least fourteen before the day appointed in said warrant for the day of the meeting therein ordered.

Witness my hand this.....day of.....A. D. 189 .

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.....ss. .....A. D. 189

Personally appeared.....and made oath that the foregoing statement by him signed, is true, before me,

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Justice of the Peace.

This return may be made on the back of the warrant. After the organization has been affected, the petition, warrant, and return, should be recorded in the corporation records.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Town.	Name.	Founded.	Founded by	Amount raised.	Number of Volumes.					Librarian.	Salaries.
					Fiction.	History and Biography.	Reference.	Other works.	Total.		
Auburn	Auburn Public Library	1890	Citizens	$5,000	1,350	1,104	895	2,235	5,584	Annie Prescott	$300
Augusta	Lithgow Library	1882	L. W. Lithgow	35,000	2,200	1,600	125	2,700	7,000	Julia M. Clapp	734
Andover	Andover Public Library	1891	Citizens	2,000	900	300	200	800	2,200	Mrs. G. M. Newhall	.....
Belfast	Belfast Free Library	1887	Citizens	20,000	2,300	1,500	280	3,320	7,400	Elizabeth M. Pond	530
Bath	Patten Free Library	1889	....	....	.....		.....	.....	7,972	M. R. Foote	468
Biddeford	Biddeford Public Library	1862	Books of York Mech. Inst.	.....	1,800	1,300	1,000	1,200	5,300	Emma Hatch	300
Brunswick	Brunswick Public Library	1883	Citizens	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000	Mary G. Gilman	390
Calais	Calais Free Library	1894	Citizens	3,000	2,067	800	104	2,278	5,257	Sarah B. Nichols	300
Camden	Camden Public Library	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	1,874	Katherine W. Harding	.....
Castine	Castine Town Library	1801	Citizens	.....	495	707	79	835	2,205	P. J. Hook	52
Dexter	Dexter Town Library	1880	Citizens	.....	1,661	989	92	1,746	4,488	L. S. Springall	150
Eastport	Eastport Public Library	1879	Citizens	.....	1,354	1,100	142	2,404	5,000	Charlotte Wood	.....
Eden	Bar Harbor Village Library	1876	Summer Visitors	.....	2,700	.....	40	.....	5,461	Addie Bunker	.....
Ellsworth	Ellsworth City Library	1870	City	.....	1,048	917	24	1,651	3,640	Adelaide True	120
Grafton	Grafton Public Library	1895	Ladies' Library Asso'tion,	....	198	53	27	100	368	A. W. Farrar	.....
Gray	Pennell Institute Library	1881	Henry Pennell	5,000	.....	.....	.....	...	550	Miss Mertelle Snow	.....
Greene	Androscoggin Grange Libr'y.	1896	Mrs. E. S. Marner	books	207	10	5	28	250	Miss Annie M. Sawyer	.....
Hallowell	Hubbard Free Library	1842	Citizens	.....	1,810	1,773	130	4,443	8,020	Miss Annie F. Page	400
Kittery	Rice Public Library	1874	Arabella Rice	30,000	1,263	1,342	50	1,769	4,424	Miss A. A. P. Goodsol	250
Machias	Porter Memorial Library	1891	Rufus King Porter	13,000	997	597	399	811	2,808	Miss M. O. Longfellow	156
Northport	Northport Free Library	1893	Mrs. Henry White	.....	150	75	25	25	275	Mrs. Job Herrick	.....
Old Town	Old Town Public Library	1891	City	.....	883	125	23	300	1,331	Euphronia Hillard	60
Orland	Orland Town Library	1891	Edw. Ginn	.....	100	50	.....	112	262	A. H. Dresser	.....
Orono	W. C. T. U. Free Library	1891	W. C. T. U	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,207	....	.....
Oxford	Freeland Holmes Library	1873	Freeland Holmes	1,200	400	600	50	150	1,200	George Hazen	.....
Palmyra	Palmyra Free Public Library	1893	Citizens	....	158	20	....	235	413	Miss L. G. Frost	15
Portland	Portland Public Library	1867	13 Corporators	....	7,000	3,700	3,000	28,600	42,300	Alice C. Furbish	3,200
Rockland	Rockland Public Library	1892	City	.....	1,427	603	100	1,667	3,797	Nancy I. Burbank	.....
Saco	Dyer Library	1881	Mrs. Oliver Dyer	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	11,000	John Haley	.....
Vinalhaven	Vinalhaven Public Library	1888	Town	....	1,500	350	75	375	2,300	Thomas J. Lyons	120
Winterport	Winterport Free Library	1895	Citizens	.....	361	166	114	335	992	Mrs. Alberti George	26
Westbrook	Westbrook Memorial Library	1894	Joseph Walker	40,000	3,000	1,500	300	800	5,600	Hariet M. Raymond	325

Free Libraries Not Reporting.

Burnham									300		
Belmont	Mystic Grange Library								300		
Brewer									1,100		
Camden									1,200		
Fort Fairfield									1,000		
Jonesboro									166	W. E. Tupper	
Livermore	Washburu Memorial Library								5,000		
Mechanic Falls	Masonic Library								265		
New Gloucester	New Gloucester Pub. Library								1,637	Helen A. Moseley	
New Sharon	New Sharon Public Library								2,000	Grace Baker	
Norway	Norway Public Library								1,900	Annie Monaha	
North Paris	Prentiss Library								631	W. E. Curtis	
Phillips	Phillips Public Library								1,000	Miss A. M. Greenwood	
Pittsfield	Pittsfield Public Library								538	L. A. Merritt	
Scarborough	Oak Hill Grange Library								300		
Searsport	Sears Public Library								1,700	Hallie Roulston	
S. Berwick	Fogg Memorial Library								3,500	G. A. Dickey	
S. Bridgton	S. Bridgton Circulating Libr'y								550	Mrs. T. P. Kimball	
Waterville									800		
Winthrop											

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES—Concluded.

Town.	Name.	Made free.	Effect on circulation.	Monthly Circulation.	Appropriations.		Additions.		Catalogue system.	Hours open.
				1896.	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.		
Auburn	Auburn Public Library	1895	Increase, 375%	2,880	$1,300	$1,300	124	220	Dewey	5½ daily.
Augusta	Lithgow Public Library	1896	Increase, large			1,100		100	Dewey	11 daily.
Andover	Andover Public Library	1891		360	110	110		350	Boston Pub. Lib	6 weekly.
Belfast	Belfast Free Library	1887					500	320	Dictionary	20 weekly.
Bath	Patten Free Library	1889		2,694		1,410	409	370		7 daily.
Biddeford	Biddeford Public Library	1895	Increase, 200%	1,800	349	735			Dictionary	6 daily.
Brunswick	Brunswick Public Library	1894	Increase, large	1,846	630	2,130	344	485		5 daily.
Calais	Calais Free Library	1894		1,696	1,408	1,504	691	447		6 daily.
Camden	Camden Public Library					1,500				
Castine	Castine Town Library	1855		100	222	225		126		14 weekly.
Dexter	Dexter Town Library	1889		1,532	806	851	356	115		22 weekly.
Eastport	Eastport Public Library	1879		1,315	660	660		477		6 daily.
Eden	Bar Harbor Village Library			835				273		
Ellsworth	Ellsworth City Library	1891	Increase, large	510	410	220	166	5	Dewey	6 weekly.
Grafton	Grafton Public Library	1895		97	322	192	268	100	Dictionary	All.
Gray	Pennell Institute Library									30 weekly.
Greene	Androscoggin Grange Library			35				85		
Hallowell	Hubbard Free Library	1894		1,120	1,540	1,552	459	280		15 weekly.
Kittery	Rice Public Library	1874		1,275	1,693	1,663		335		36 weekly.
Machias	Porter Memorial Library	1896	Increase, 400%	800		420		217	Dewey	30 weekly.
Northport	Northport Free Library	1893	Increase, large	35				50		10 daily.
Old Town	Old Town Public Library			300	330	330		140	Author	
Orland	Orland Town Library	1891		15					Author	
Orono	W. C. T. U. Free Library			200	250	250	75	50	Dewey	21 weekly.
Oxford	Freeland Holmes Library	1873			50	50			Author	12 daily.
Palmyra	Palmyra Free Public Library	1893			250	165	98	1		
Portland	Portland Public Library	1889	Increase, 150%	10,330	10,100	10,197	1,781	1,764		12 daily.
Rockland	Rockland Public Library	1892		2,832	1,650	1,650		752	Dewey	15 weekly.
Saco	Dyer Library	1881						350		36 weekly.
Vinalhaven	Vinalhaven Public Library	1888		1,000	588	405	250	190		9½ weekly.
Winterport	Winterport Free Library	1895		7,515	410	165			Dewey	7 weekly.
Westbrook	Westbrook Memorial Library	1894		3,200	1,650	1,650	281	600		12 weekly.

Free Libraries not Reporting—Concluded.

Burnham										
Belmont	Mystic Grange Library									
Brewer										
Camden										
Fort Fairfield										
Jonesboro						100				
Livermore	Washburn Memorial Library									
Mechanic Falls	Masonic Library									
New Gloucester	New Gloucester Public Library									
New Sharon	New Sharon Public Library									
Norway	Norway Public Library									
North Paris	Prentiss Library									
Phillips	Phillips Public Library				200	100				
Pittsfield	Pittsfield Public Library									
Scarborough	Oak Hill Grange Library									
Searsport	Sears Public Library									
S. Berwick	Fogg Memorial Library									
S. Bridgton	S. Bridgton Circulating Lib									
Waterville										
Winthrop										

ASSOCIATE LIBRARIES.

Town.	Name.	Founded.	Founded by	Amount raised.	Volumes. Fiction.	History and biography.	Reference.	Others.	Total.
Addison Pt	Addison Public Library Association	1893	Citizens						593
Amherst	Amherst Library Club	1894	Library Club		228	10	1	10	249
Bangor	Bangor Public Library	1883	City	$112,000	12,900	6,253		20,925	40,078
Bingham	Bingham Union Library	1857			383	52		111	546
Bluehill	Ladies' Social Library Association	1868	Ladies		500	50	11	439	1,000
Boothbay Harbor	Boothbay Harbor Library Association	1885	Citizens		200	80	20		300
Brunswick	Bowdoin College Library	1794	College Trustees		2,000	15,000	1,000	4,100	59,000
Bucksport	Buck Memorial Library	1887	Mrs. P. Rich and Miss E. Buck	*9,500					3,117
Charlotte	Charlotte Grange Library	1885	Grange		178	12		16	206
Cherryfield	Cherryfield Public Library	1837	Ladies		557	642	20		1,219
Damariscotta	Skidompha Library	1886	Skidompha Club						871
Deer Isle	A. O. U. W. Library	1891	A. O. U. W						200
Deer Isle	Phœnix Library	1860							370
Deer Isle	Deer Isle Social Club Library	1880	Club						600
Dennysville	Dennysville Library	1872	Citizens			903			1,273
East Machias	E. Machias Public Library Association	1874	Citizens						1,236
Eliot	Eliot Public Library	1887	Citizens						1,370
Farmington	Farmington Public Library	1892	Citizens		1,400	800	100	2,840	5,140
Jonesport	Jonesport Library and Reading Room	1893	Citizens						490
Leeds	Leeds Grange Library	1895	Grange		124	5	5		134
Lewiston	Bates College Library	1863	Rev. O. B. Cheney	500					12,543
Lewiston	Manufacturers' and Mechanics' Library	1861	6 Manufacturing Companies		1,127	1,294	980	3,122	6,523
Limington	Limington Public Library	1895	Citizens						719
Madison	Madison Library Association	1886	Citizens		520	110	10	230	829
Presque Isle	Presque Isle Library Association	1870	Citizens		1,050	125	25		1,200
Pulpit Harbor	Young People's Library Association	1883	Young People						350
Skowhegan	Free Public Library	1889	Gov. Coburn	30,000	2,010	815	500	3,000	7,000
Somerville	Somerville Library	1884	Ladies		400	200			600
South Portland	South Portland Public Library	1885	Citizens		2,006	122	27	266	2,421

Standish	Village Library Association	1876	Citizens		300	100		100	500
Thomaston	Ladies' Library Association	1843	Ladies		1,612	489		1,165	3,266
Waterville	Colby University Library	1820	College Trustees						3,200
Wells	Village Library	1875	Citizens		200	50	50	100	400
Yarmouth	Hillside Library	1891	Citizens						180
York Beach	York Beach Library	1893	Citizens		441	20	4	96	561

* And building.

COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES.

Town.	Name.	Volumes.	Librarian.
Auburn	Androscoggin County Law Library	2,500	J. W. Hanson.
Augusta	Kennebec County Law Library	1,800	Loring Farr.
Alfred	York County Bar Library	1,500	James E. Hewey.
Bangor	Penobscot Bar Library	2,700	A. W. Paine.
Bath	Sagadahoc County Law Library	900	Joseph M. Hayes.
Belfast	Waldo County Law Library	1,200	Tileston Wadlin.
Dover	Piscataquis County Law Library	650	C. W. Brown.
Ellsworth	Hancock County Law Library	600	L. A. Emery.
Farmington	Franklin County Law Library	600	E. E. Richards.
Houlton	Aroostook County Law Library	600	
Machias	Washington County Law Library	1,500	P. H. Longfellow.
Portland	Cumberland County Law Library	4,000	Reuel Small.
Paris	Oxford County Law Library	1,000	H. C. Davis.
Rockland	Knox County Law Library	1,300	L. F. Starrett.
Skowhegan	Somerset County Law Library	1,000	
Wiscasset	Lincoln County Law Library	1,000	

ASSOCIATE LIBRARIES—Concluded.

Town.	Name.	Librarian.	Weekly circulation.	Appropriations. 1895.	Appropriations. 1896.	Additions—1896.	Catalogue system.	Value of building.	Hours open.
Addison Pt.	Addison Public Library Asso	Minnie G. Wass				4	Author		
Amherst	Amherst Library Club	Mary B. Patten				49			
Bangor	Bangor Public Library	Mrs. Mary H. Curran	3,862	$5,908	$4,014	2,000	Dewey		11 daily.
Bingham	Bingham Union Library	E. W. Moore							
Bluehill	Ladies' Social Library Asso.	Miss Lizzie Hinckley			23	25			11 weekly.
Boothbay Har.	Boothbay Harbor Library Asso.	W. J. Winslow	43						
Brunswick	Bowdoin College Library	George T. Little	590	5,600	5,600	3,000	Dewey	$50,000	10 daily.
Bucksport	Buck Memorial Library	Alice B. Gardner				176		12,000	5 daily.
Charlotte	Charlotte Grange Library	Mrs. Eliza R. Fisher	30			25			
Cherryfield	Cherryfield Public Library	Miss Rebecca Burnham				30			2 weekly.
Damariscotta	Skidompha Library	Mrs. C. G. Merry	160		50	75			6 weekly.
Deer Isle	A. O. U. W. Library	Wm. B. Smith, Green's Land							
Deer Isle	Phœnix Library	L. Mary Robbins, S. Deer Isle				25			
Deer Isle	Deer Isle Social Club Library	H. P. A. Spofford							
Dennysville	Dennysville Library	Sarah G. Lincoln	196		84	50			1 weekly.
East Machias	E. Machias Public Library Asso.	Josiah Harris				39			
Eliot	Eliot Public Library		32		32	61	Title		2 weekly.
Farmington	Farmington Public Library	Flora A. Brooks							20 weekly.
Jonesport	Jonesport Lib. & Reading Room	Mrs. D. D. Kelley	150			60	Author		4 weekly.
Leeds	Leeds Grange Library	Emma McClusky	50			34			
Lewiston	Bates College Library	Caroline A. Woman			600	415	Dewey		4 daily.
Lewiston	Manufacturers' & Mechanics' Lib	Mary A. Little	1,250			500			38 weekly.
Limington	Limington Public Library	Rev. C. S. Wilder	100			13	Author		4 weekly.
Madison	Madison Library Association	C. O. Small	300			200			7 weekly.
Presque Isle	Presque Isle Library Association	Fred H. Black	300		125	125			
Pulpit Harbor	Young People's Library Asso	Clarence S. Beverage	15		5				
Skowhegan	Free Public Library	Clara A. Morrison	656	500	500	220	Dewey	20,000	